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Proposed English A.B. Address

Dear Mr. Estlin

I seize the present opportunity by the forebode to mention to you, in confidence, a plan, of which, if you have not heard already (which is probable) I ought perhaps to have mailed till you should hear in the natural course of things. Perhaps it originates with you, as you love to do good by stealth. But no matter for the source. —

It is the idea of persons
interested in the cause in
London, of which Mrs Lollen
writes to me, of sending an
address with a million of
signatures to America on the
A.S. question. I have written
to her 50 pages about it, fear-
ing lest the temptation, so uni-
versal in such cases, might
nullify the effort - the tempta-
tion of acting as if the Aboli-
tionists had never existed -
of overlooking Garrison
& those in America who
are one in spirit with him.

of course I need not say that
Such an address, to be effected
ought to embody exactly the prin-
ciples & follow exactly the meas-
ures of the Am. A. S. Soc. Since
these are the only true &
wise ones. The Am. Soc. because
it has adopted them, is the
party in America to act in
concord with. No polemics, nor
reminiscences nor accusations nor
justifications are needed —
Nothing except the discussion
in private of the self-elected
originators of the address, to
enable them to understand
one another & to know what
manner of spirit they are
off. Mrs Lollen tells me

the London people
do not wish the thing known
in America till it comes
like a coup d'état. In
the experience of a first effort
they will be likely to think
a man on our side of
some importance because
he is in Congress ^{which in fact makes him of little importance} & will
naturally put themselves in
communication with Sumner
or Mason or Fiddings or
Pacley. ^{or C. F. Adams.} - all excellent men
as far as they go - but, except
Fiddings, feeble folk & "not
strong enough for the place" of
acting with the Anti-Slavery

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Sentiment of the World, upon
the foundations & measures of
a higher one, & thus elevating
& directing it aright. The
British & foreign too will shail
the matter should it take
any extensive shape through
the provinces, unless repelled
by the name of Garrison
& the Am. Soc. at the
out set. It is clear that
one can make of the more
meet what one will. If a
million of shillings & signatures
^{only} are wanted, let the meetings
be close-corporations - the
central committee appointing
such names as well as the
the right sort of address.

J. J. I. could be got
to Lecture in the North
& in such places as he is best
qualified to move, since he cannot,
being only one man, go to all,
Millions of Shillings & sig-
natures might be got, &
a real foundation laid
for after effort with your
"Anglo-American Soc." You
like will to like - real
interest & sympathy will
go to J. J. who feels both,
notwithstanding that he
is often untimely.

It will be impossible,
will it not? - to get a million

of signatures before the news
of it gets to America?

I am afraid privacy must
be given up by the London
friends. What are Genl Wall-
bridge & J. G. Bennett doing?
I never see an English paper,
but hear that their election-
ary falsehoods are going
on. I should not wonder at
any thing Quaker bankers
might do to save the business
platform of the world - to
save their stocks on London
bottoms. But I can get no
particulars of this affair.

With earnest love &
gratitude to all your
household ever yours most truly
J. W. Chapman

